

## IN A TRAP OF FIRE

### Two Little Children Burned to Death

Played With Matches in the Straw of a Barn

Both Parents Were Absent at the Time.

Walla Walla, July 19.—The little sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, prominent residents of this city, were virtually cremated alive at noon yesterday. The children, aged 2 and five years, respectively, were playing with matches in the straw of a barn, when the fire resulted. The parents were absent at the time, and the little ones were in charge of a nurse.

Screams of agony emanating from the barn were the first signals of distress. The nurse ran to the back door of the Smith home, and saw the barn in a blaze of fire. The alarm was turned in, and the department came quickly, but it was too late to save the babies. Ringed around with fire they had retreated into a granary and closed the door. All efforts to rescue them were futile, although William Ward, a fireman, and Carl Church, a civilian, were burned in the attempt. Finally the roof caved in, and, with a stream of water to pave the way, Emil Sanderson ran waist deep through the glowing embers and brought out the first little body, so badly burned and contorted as to be almost unrecognizable as human. Another fought his way through the debris, and the second corpse was recovered. Both now lie in the local morgue.

## Minor Mention Local Import

County Assessor Chas. Lembock and deputies have completed the listing of property for the 1902 roll, and the work of extending the same upon the assessment roll is being done. It is expected this task will be completed about August 25th. At this time it can not be told just what the property valuation in this county will be, but it is thought to be about the same as the 1901 roll, which represented an increase of 15 per cent. in valuation over the 1900 roll.

Annie Cashatt has instituted a suit for divorce against John Cashatt on the charge of desertion. The plaintiff and defendant were intermarried in Kansas, on July 1, 1886, and plaintiff alleges desertion for asking that the marriage tie be dissolved.

Farrington & Farrar, the meat dealers, have pleaded guilty in police court to the charge of making repairs within the city's fire limits, contrary to the city ordinances. They paid a fine of \$5 each.

David Mudge died at the asylum Friday. He had been an inmate of that institution only a short time, having been committed from Marion county, about three weeks ago.

Wm. Staiger returned today from a trip to Chicago, where he erected a monument over the grave of John D. Fain, the murdered ex-merchant of that place.

In the foreclosure suit of Charles K. Cranston vs. J. P. Farrar, et al., Sheriff Colbath this morning sold at public auction a 182-acre farm in the Waldo Hills, the property of the defendants. The land was bid in by the plaintiff for \$3784.77.

At President's Luncheon. Oyster Bay, July 19.—President Roosevelt will give a luncheon this afternoon with Mayor Lowe, of New York, and Senator Kane, of New Jersey. Lowe and Roosevelt will discuss New York politics.

Deadly Typhoon in China. Hong Kong, July 19.—A typhoon did much damage here today; 20 persons were killed.

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## Labor Leaders Visit Salem

Louis J. Brant, secretary of Federal Labor Union No. 4891, of this city, is in receipt of a letter from James Duncan, first vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, in which the Salem unions are notified that either President Gompers or Vice-President O'Connell, of the national organization, will pay Salem an official visit early in August. The date has not yet been positively settled, but will be either August 3d or 4th.

## BLACKBURN UPHOLDS DUNBAR

In Opinion Says Military Board is Not Entitled

To the Sum of \$4693 in Controversy--The Result

As stated exclusively in The Journal several days ago, there is not sufficient money in the military fund for holding the eight days' encampment that had been planned. The encampment has been reduced to six days. Attorney-General Blackburn, in an opinion on the subject of controversy between the military board and the secretary of state, regarding the disposition of \$4693, upholds Mr. Dunbar in refusing to replace that amount to the credit of the military funds. The Journal was the only paper that called attention to the fact that this money was not available, but it was stated in other papers that our position was incorrect, and the state encampment would be held for the full eight days, whether this money was available or not.

A press correspondent has the following:

"The difference of opinion between Adjutant-General Gantenbein and Secretary of State Dunbar regarding the disposition of \$4693, claimed for the military board, has created considerable interest in military circles. The decision of the attorney-general, upholding the secretary of state's view that the money belongs to the general fund, was followed by an order from the adjutant-general cutting the period of the national guard encampment from eight days to six days. The result to the state at large will be that \$4693 less will be spent on the encampment."

"Attorney-general Blackburn's opinion says that the act might be construed to include money received from the government on account of sums paid to volunteers who were rejected, but when considered in connection with the title, he concludes that the act was not intended to place this money to the credit of the military fund. The military board's expenditures will, therefore, be limited to the \$45,000 appropriation. The decision is based upon that clause of the constitution which provides that 'every act shall embrace but one subject, and matters properly connected therewith, which subjects shall be expressed in the title.'"

## ENGLISH PRESS IS SCEPTICAL

As to King Edward's Fitness for the Coronation Ordeal

Liverpool, July 19.—The Post today expresses the hope that the doctors have not taken too sanguine a view of the king's progress, as a second postponement of the coronation would naturally be a serious disappointment. The paper says: "Among medical men there is a certain amount of skepticism as to the king's fitness to go through the coronation August 9th."

## DOUBLE DOMESTIC TRAGEDY

### Shooting of Two Drunken Brutes

Wife Kills Her Husband and Brother

In Self Defense--Jury Exonerates Her

Carbondale, Ill., July 19.—The Joubert brothers, who operated a small coal mine near Oravilla, were both shot to death at their home yesterday by the wife of one of the men. They had returned about 11 o'clock intoxicated, and the husband demanded his supper. Mrs. Joubert began his preparation, and her husband began breaking the dishes, and at last attacked her. Mrs. Joubert and her sister fled to a back room and locked the door. Her husband followed, broke down the door, and renewed the assault, whereupon the infuriated woman fired three shots into his body, one passing through his heart, causing almost instant death.

The brother, who was a witness to the tragedy, attempted to strike the woman, whereupon Mrs. Joubert emptied the two remaining chambers of the revolver into his body, inflicting a wound from which he died shortly afterward.

The woman gave the alarm and surrendered to the officers. This morning Coroner Knaue impaneled a jury, who, after hearing the evidence, exonerated the wife. The brothers have been noted for years for their brutal ways.

## MARCHING TO ALBANY ENCAMPMENT

26th U. S. A Battery Passed Salem At Noon Saturday

The 26th U. S. A. battery of regulars passed through Salem, about noon today, being en route from Vancouver barracks to Albany, where it will constitute part of the chief attractions during the annual encampment of the O. N. G.

The battery is in charge of Captain H. L. Hawthorne, and consists of 1090 men, 117 head of horses, 6 cannons, 6 caissons, and 4 army wagons. The battery is marching the entire distance, having left Vancouver Thursday morning. The troops camped at Gervais last night, and will spend tonight within a few miles of Albany, marching into Camp Williams Sunday morning. The battery will remain at the encampment for four days, and expects to reach Vancouver on the return trip next Sunday.

## DROUTH IN ARIZONA.

Range Horses Being Shot to Save Grass and Water for Cattle.

Tucson, Ariz., July 19.—The drouth remains unbroken throughout Southern Arizona. The grass has all dried up, except in a few of the canyons, and water is obtained only in a few places. Reports from all sections are that cattle are dying by the hundreds. A prominent cattle man arrived here today, and says he counted 110 dead cattle within an area of four miles. Above the large ranch, Lasca, hundreds of horses are being shot to save the grass and water for the cattle. The horses are traveling in large bands, and trampling out the grass, as well as eating it. At another place the water for the cattle is being pumped, a man being placed at the trough with a rifle, and as the horses come up to water they are shot. Unless rain comes within ten days hundreds of thousands of dollars' loss will fall on the cattlemen.



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## Playing Golf Under Difficulty

Chicago, July 19.—Over a water-soaked course the finals for the national amateur golf championship were played today between Louis James, of Glenview, and Eben Byers, of Pittsburgh. The play was over first nine holes, the second being entirely under water. A fair-sized gallery turned out despite the unfavorable conditions.

## TO EMPLOY JAPANESE LABOR

Mr. Bosse Has Trouble in Harvesting His Flax Crop

Eugene Bosse, the flax expert, went to Portland this morning to employ Japanese to pull his flax crop. Mr. Bosse is very much discouraged in his efforts to get the flax harvested. He says he has advertised extensively for help, and has paid good wages, but he

## Affairs of all Nations

Severe earthquakes are reported from Persia. The cholera epidemic in Manchuria is spreading. The Duke of Norfolk is to contract a second marriage. The strike of railway laborers in Peru has been settled. A report from Cairo says the Egyptian Sphinx is rapidly decaying.

A visiting Austrian count predicts a financial crash in this country.

Russia and Italy are in harmony regarding the policy in the far East.

Balfour proposes to reduce the number of members in the British cabinet.

Polish residents in Berlin are quietly organizing against the German emperor.

Forty thousand natives are to be removed from the slums of Manila to prevent cholera.

The Pope has fixed July 21st for his farewell audience with Governor Taft on the Philippine questions.

Countess de la Wane was granted a divorce in London on the ground of the earl's desertion and misconduct.

Representatives of Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama canal interests are having a conference with Secretary Hay.

Fire has destroyed ninety blocks of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Lord Lansdown, in the House of Lords, expressed the hope that Tien Tsin would be restored to the Chinese within a month.

At Landowen Park the race for the Eclipse stake of 10,000 sovereigns, was won by the Duke of Devonshire's Cheer, ridden by Maher.

It is hinted that there will be some sensational developments.

New York, July 19.—It is said that Strong had tired of the woman, and that she is not anxious about his return, but she wants certain articles of jewelry, which, she says, belong to her, returned. Her lawyers say every effort to bring Strong back will be made.

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## ACTRESS' HUSBAND MISSING

### May Yohe Is Again Bereaved

Not Worried But Wants Her Jewels Back

Was At One Time Married to Lord Hope

New York, July 19.—Captain Putnam Bradlee Strong has been mysteriously missing from his home at Hastings for several days. His wife, formerly Lady Hope, for whom he gave up rank and position, doesn't know where he is. He recently suffered greatly from a wound he received in the Philippines, and it is feared his mind may have become affected.

Counsel for Lady Hope has confirmed the report that Strong is missing.

On the plea of economy it is proposed to cut down the claim of Mrs. Waggoner for finding and returning the dead body of Merrill, the convict, who, with Tracy, planned and executed the most daring prison break and committed the most appalling crime in the history of our state.

In spite of many opinions expressed to the contrary, The Journal believes it will be in the interest of good government to deal fairly and liberally in settling with Mrs. Waggoner.

The state of Oregon should cheerfully bear its part, and heartily sustain all that is done to run down and capture or kill and return those desperadoes.

If Tracy can possibly be taken and returned he should be hung in the presence of all the convicts, if it cost the state of Oregon ten thousand dollars.

Mrs. Waggoner should have been paid promptly at least half of the reward of \$1500. If she would have taken that the state would have been \$750 ahead, financially, and morally the word would have been sent out that Oregon will do its part in the manhunt, and will sustain the work that is being pushed so energetically in Washington.

We should hold up the hands of Sheriff Cuddehe and all who are risking life to capture Tracy. Paying Mrs. Waggoner liberally will be saying that we are ready to do our part in the chase, or in sustaining results.

The moral effect of a ready and liberal response at this time is badly needed to prevent further outbreaks at the prison. A matter of this kind cannot be treated from the standpoint of commercial economy.

The following editorial is taken from the Tacoma Ledger of Friday, July 18th, a date that should be remembered for a had advertisement having been sent out for this state:

"Dead or Alive."

It would appear that the Oregon authorities have not won any credit in connection with the whole Tracy and Merrill episode. In the first place, the escape was due to carelessness and incompetence that has not yet been explained. There was but a tardy pursuit, never exhibiting symptoms of energy, and when the fugitives crossed into Washington the Oregon attitude seemed to be "thy're yours; take them."

There is no claim either that the Washington authorities have won any glory, but they have made a determined, if futile, effort. Sight is sometimes lost of the fact that a search for a man in the woods of this state is very like a search for a needle in a haystack. It is not made easier by the shrewdness and desperation of the man. In the end Tracy will be caught. It is to be hoped then Oregon will not act in relation to the reward as it is reported to be acting in the case of Merrill.

When a reward is offered for a man "dead or alive," these terms are distinct. According to these terms, the thing desired is the body of the man, and whether or not there be breath in it is a secondary matter. Society wants the satisfaction of knowing that a menace to the public safety has been abated. There is no question but that Merrill is dead. His body has been delivered to the state offering the reward, and now the assertion is made that only a part of the reward is to be paid. It is not clear that there is any difference as to the manner in which death has been inflicted, or the agency. The one certain thing is that death has occurred, and a woman came into possession of the evidence. This stated value, if the offer of a reward had any meaning, Oregon would not add to its laurels by cutting the price. It advertised for that which it wanted, and when the advertisement was answered by the delivery of the article, the impulse to live up to the stipulations of the contract would be the only one to be entertained.

Mrs. L. M. Miller, one of Oregon's poets and literary workers, has been doing important service in the up-building of the Woman's Club Journal, of Portland. Late numbers have had some of her most brilliant short stories, and the selection of the cover, design of title page, and arrangement of letter press have been largely left to her exquisite taste in such matters. Mrs. Miller will spend the summer at Eugene.

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